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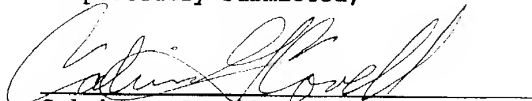
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Item

U.S. Patent No. 4,235,238 to Oglu et al.
U.S. Patent No. 4,448,194 to DiGiovanni et al.
U.S. Patent No. 4,741,330 to Hayhurst
U.S. Patent No. 5,002,550 to Li
U.S. Patent No. 5,041,129 to Hayhurst et al.
U.S. Patent No. 5,100,417 to Cerier et al.
U.S. Patent No. 5,354,298 to Lee et al.
U.S. Patent No. 5,403,348 to Bonutti
U.S. Patent No. 5,464,426 to Bonutti
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